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**September is National Recovery Month**

**Hagåtña, Guam** – September marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> **National Recovery Month**, and Guam is celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> year of observance. That is 12 years of continuous local efforts to raise awareness about the important role prevention, treatment, and recovery plays, in improving lives of the people of Guam.

This year's theme "**Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone**" emphasizes on the importance of educating policymakers, health care providers, employers, and the general public about the role of treatment and recovery support services in health care reform. The strength and determination of those who continuously support people in their path of recovery are truly commendable, and indeed a reason to celebrate!

The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse – Drug and Alcohol Treatment Branch, in partnership with the following treatment providers: Sanctuary, Inc., WestCare, Lighthouse Recovery Center, Oasis Empowerment Center, Adult Drug Court, and other private providers – invites the people of Guam to help support by participating in our **National Recovery Month** activities:

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE / SCHEDULE
9/2/2011	Recovery Month Wave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skinners Plaza</li><li>• 4PM – 6PM</li></ul>
9/3/2011	Serenity Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matapang Beach</li><li>• 5:30AM</li></ul>
9/5/2011	Conference: Too Cool to Do Drugs (c/o Sanctuary)	
9/8/2011	WestCare Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10AM – 2PM</li></ul>
9/10/2011	Recovery Month Display Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Micronesia Mall</li><li>• 10AM – 2PM</li></ul>
9/15/2011	Sanctuary Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10AM – 2PM</li></ul>
9/17/2011	Island-wide 12 steps Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Beginnings Office</li><li>1PM – 2PM: 12-step meeting</li><li>1:30PM – 2:30PM: 12-step meeting for Families</li><li>3PM – 4PM: 12-step meeting</li></ul>
9/22/2011	Lighthouse Recovery Center Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tiyan location (behind WIC office)</li><li>• 10AM – 2PM</li></ul>
9/24/2011	Family Picnic Ypao Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Big Pavilion</li><li>• 10AM – 2PM</li></ul>
9/29/2011	Oasis Empowerment Center Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• East Agana (old Chen's Building)</li><li>• 10AM – 2PM</li></ul>
9/30/2011	Recovery Month Sunset Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ypao Beach Park (Proa parking lot)</li><li>• 5PM</li></ul>

Contact Valerie Reyes in the numbers provided above for further information on each of the activities listed above.

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